

## **Capital Project Sales Tax**

### **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: 18 February 2016

Meeting Location: Veterans Auditorium  
Greenwood County Library

Meeting Time 13:00

Committee Members Present: Jan Owens, Paul Bagnoli, John Fredella, Robert Jennings, and Steve Holmes

Paul Bagnoli, the Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 13:05 by reading the following statements: In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting's date, time, location, and agenda was posted outside the main entrance of the Greenwood County Courthouse and the Greenwood County Library. Agendas were faxed to The Index-Journal, to local radio stations, and were posted on the Greenwood County website calendar.

Paul began the meeting by welcoming the committee members and guests.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the meeting on 2/9/16. A motion to approve was made and seconded. A voice vote approved the minutes unanimously.

The first application reviewed was a request from the Greenwood detention center requesting \$1,000,000 for maintenance of the detention facility. The application detailed a number of very specific maintenance items and new cell doors. The request for the cell doors was between \$500,000 and \$700,000. The committee asked many questions related to the application. The originators had very solid cost estimates for everything but the cell doors. The committee asked that the originator seeks a specific bid/quote for new doors and submit it to the committee prior to the next meeting. The originators agreed and the application review would continue at that time.

The next application reviewed was submitted by the City Manager. It is a request to purchase and equip a new ladder fire truck. The cost of the truck, unadjusted for inflation is \$1.2 Million with an additional \$60,000 to equip the truck.

The next application to be reviewed was the Fire Service Master Plan. The PSC Chair indicated that his involvement in the drafting of the application would require that he recuse himself from the review. There was a thorough discussion of specifics of the fire plan with an emphasis on the training center. It

was explained to the committee that the training center would provide facilities for local law enforcement, local fire service and on a fee-for-use basis, agencies from other counties. The application indicated that the ongoing and maintenance costs would be covered by fee revenue. Built into the application was a timeline for new station construction, station renovation, apparatus purchase and training center construction spanning 2017 – 2023.

At the conclusion of these reviews the committee asked the City Manager if the committee had the latitude request additional information and/or modify an application. The City Manager indicated the the committee could request additional supporting information directly related to the applications and could modify the application if the changes were agreed to by the originator.

The committee then requested that the originator of the application for the purchase of a law enforcement records management system (RMS), provide a detailed vendor quote/bid from either of the vendors under consideration. It was explained that the committee's work was to evaluate applications and recommend them to the commission. The committee wanted to be sure that if the RMS application were to be recommended that the \$1.2 million in funding would pay for everything (e.g. hardware, training, installation and devices for the users in the field).

The committee again discussed the appropriateness of asking Greenwood County residents to pay for the radios and associated equipment for Lander University and Piedmont Tech security personnel, both state agencies, to be put on the Palmetto 800 system. After confirmation that leaving those state agencies out of the application would not cause from City law enforcement any issues, the committee asked the application originator for permission to eliminate that proposed expenses from the application. It was agreed.

The committee then asked the assembled law enforcement officials and the city manager, many who had been in attendance for all of the committee meetings what their priorities would be for all of the applications.

At the conclusion of this discussion the committee had exhausted its allotted time. The committee organized to request representative(s) from the Solicitor's office to attend our next meeting.

It was agreed that the next committee meeting would be held on 1 March 2016 at 13:00. Paul thanked everyone for attending and the meeting adjourned at 15:00.